

***Remarks***

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13-15 and 24-27 are active in the application. Claims 16-18 and 21-23 are pending but withdrawn. Claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 19 and 20 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

***Request that the Examiner Consider the Previously Submitted IDS Documents.***

In the Examiner-signed SB/08 forms that were attached to the Office action of June 25, 2008, the Examiner lined-through non-patent literature documents NPL7 - NPL14 as not being considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each of these documents as they were properly submitted.

Lined-through documents NPL7 - NPL12 are English language abstracts of non-English language applications.

Lined-through documents NPL13 - NPL14 are complete English language translations of non-English language applications.

Applicants note that Examiner considered a similar document, NPL15, which is also an English language abstract of a Japanese language document. Applicants note that the citation of NPL15 also contains the publication date of the underlying Japanese language document.

Therefore, submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience is a new form SB/08B with the citations for the lined-through documents newly provided. In addition, Applicants have provided the date of publication of the underlying Japanese language document for each of these abstracts or translations.

A copy of each of NPL7 - NL14 is present in PAIR and shown as an NPL document filed on November 15, 2005. It is proper that each document be considered, and there is no reason to line-through these documents as being non-considered.


Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider these documents and indicate that he has considered them with the next official action.

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided. Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Reply is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is authorized to charge any fee required, including any fee for consideration of this pleading, for an extension of time, or for consideration of the IDS documents shown on accompanying form PCT/SB/08B, to deposit account number 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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